

**World Fellowship of Buddhists Regional Centre  
and  
World Buddhist University Associated Institution**

**Annual Questionnaire for 2004 - 2005**

The purpose of the annual questionnaire as defined by the World Fellowship of Buddhists and the World Buddhist University.

Communication between the World Fellowship of Buddhists and the Regional Centres is important in order to have a dynamic, creative exchange of plans and programs and to make Buddhism a positive force for peace and humanity throughout the world.

Relevant and up to date information about your Centre is vital. Help us by printing out and filling out this questionnaire so the World Fellowship of Buddhists can be a creative partner of your Centre.

The questionnaire has three parts:

1. Basic Information Update
  2. Current Program
  3. Future Development
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Questionnaire response provided by the Buddhist Discussion Centre (Upwey) Ltd.

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## I. Basic Information Update:

**Name of the Centre:** Buddhist Discussion Centre (Upwey) Ltd. Its registered business name is Chan Academy.

Our Centre's brand name is Chan Academy Australia.

Chan Academy



A u s t r a l i a

Our Centre's Brand Positioning.

Our brand "Chan Academy Australia" means respect for scholars and sustaining long term scholarship. We appreciate that scholars operate best in suitable environs.

The Chan Academy Australia buildings are well equipped for e-commerce and situated in a Chan garden.

Our Scholars and their associates deliver good well-researched information fit for practitioners' use.

This valuable resource and working environment has been generated over the last 25 years at the Chan Academy Australia with sustained and focused effort.

Our lemma is "lifetimes of learning".

The Chan Academy Australia is interested in trans-generational preservation and propagation of Buddha Dhamma. We plan for our Chan Academy library information services and Chan garden to be maintained in good condition for at least 500 years. Our ref: LAN 2 I:/brand.rtf

Our key objectives are:

- A. To introduce a philosophy of life based on Buddha Dhamma.
- B. To encourage the study, practice and realisation of Buddha Dhamma.
- C. To preserve the Buddha Dhamma teachings.
- D. To promote activities associated with Buddha Dhamma and Buddhist culture in Australia and overseas.

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**Date of Establishment:** 21 July 1980

Our Centre was established as an Incorporated Australian Company on 21 July 1980. The Buddhist Discussion Centre (Upwey) Ltd. is structured as a charitable self-help organisation.

Members practice the Ten Perfections in accordance with the Teachings of the Buddhist Canon.

Our Dhamma-Cetiya - "The John D. Hughes Meditation Hall" - where we practice, is both well-equipped and of world standard.

Valuable images are placed in our Chan Garden.

**Date of Affiliation with the World Fellowship of Buddhists:**

22 October 1990 B.E.2533

**Names and email addresses of our key staff members:**

Office	Name
President:	Mr Julian Bamford
Junior Vice President:	Mr Alec Sloman
Vice Presidents:	Ms Evelin Halls Corporate Governance & Reporting Ms Pennie White International Dhamma Activities Mr Frank Carter Local Area Planning & Asset Maintenance Mr David Ley Fundraising
Secretary:	Mrs Anita M Hughes
Treasurer:	Mr David Igracki
Financial Controller	Mr Peter Boswell

**Other staff relevant to WFB interaction:**

Company Directors: Ms Evelin C. Halls  
 Mrs Anita M. Hughes  
 Ms Julie M. O'Donnell

Chief Information Officer... s Leanne Eames

John D. Hughes Collection Multilingual Reference Library  
 Librarian Mrs Anita M Hughes  
 Assistant Librarian Ms Celestina Guliano

World Buddhist University  
 Liaison Officer Ms Pennie White

World Fellowship of Buddhists Standing Committees.

Standing Committee on Women:

Ms Julie O'Donnell  
 Ms Pennie White

Standing Committee on Publications, Publicity, Education, Arts and Culture:  
 Mr Julian Bamford  
 Mr Peter Boswell

Buddhist Hour Radio Broadcast

Executive Producer: Mr Julian Bamford

Please note that the email address for all office bearers listed above is  
 wbu@bdcu.org.au

**Membership/Outreach:**

***Question: How many people are currently active in your core program?***

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***Question: Estimate how many people your programs reach or are affected by your programs:***

We estimate that we reach in excess of 5000 people each year with projects including our: regular Buddha Dhamma meditation classes at the Centre, annual program of Chan Academy painting classes, fundraising and Public Relations programs, our live to air Buddhist Hour FM Radio broadcast each week, participation and networking with other Buddhist Centres and Temples, religious and non religious organisations in

the Melbourne metropolitan area, country Victoria and other states including New South Wales.

We estimate through our 12 websites that we reach or effect in excess of 20,000 persons annually in Australia and overseas (statistics obtained through our metered site visits). We estimate that we have reached in excess of 50,000 virtual visitors to our Centre since the inception of our first website: [www.bdcu.org.au](http://www.bdcu.org.au), at which time we did not have site meters to record website visitations

### **Public Relations:**

#### ***Q. Do you publish a newsletter?***

Our newsletter is call:

The Brooking Street Bugle (New Series) ISSN 1321 – 1463.

The Brooking Street Bugle is a registered publication ISSN 1321 – 1463. Copies of the BSB are kept in the State Library of Victoria. It is also published online at [www.bsbonline.com.au](http://www.bsbonline.com.au). Many online issues include photographs.

Issue No. 123 published 23 May 2005 is enclosed.

#### ***Question: How often is it sent out?***

We publish up to three (3) issues per month in print for members and visitors to our Centre and online at [www.bsbonline.com.au](http://www.bsbonline.com.au).

#### ***Question: What other forms of communication do you use to reach people you serve?***

We have created and operate 12 websites. They are:

1. <http://www.bdcu.org.au>  
"Buddhist Discussion Centre (Upwey) Ltd."

The website includes: the John D. Hughes Collection – Multilingual Reference Library Catalogue, Suttas from the Anguttara Nikaya, Chan Academy programs and online exhibition, Membership, and Company Information including our Memorandum and Articles of Association and the names and titles of our Office bearers

2. <http://www.edharma.org>  
"Buddha Dhamma Teachings by Master John D. Hughes"

Teachings include: Classes at our Centre, What is Buddha Dhamma, Buddha Dhamma Questions and Answers, as well as MP3 audio files with transcripts and summaries of

John D. Hughes's teachings.

3. <http://www.bdcublessings.net.au>  
"Blessings"

Buddhist Hour Radio Script Archive, with over 300 broadcast radio scripts totaling in excess of 750,000 words; video clips, Buddha Dhamma Chanting, sound files and photographs

4. <http://www.bddronline.net.au>  
"Buddha Dhyana Dana Review Online"

Volumes 10 to 15 of our Centre's International Flagship Publication the: Buddha Dhyana Dana Review, including editorials, special events and photographs.

5. <http://www.bsbonline.com.au>  
"Brooking Street Bugle"

The Brooking Street Bugle, our internal publication, providing news, photographs and good information on 'the way we do things' at our Centre for the benefit of many persons. The site has over seventy issues including special issues.

6. <http://www.bsbonline.com.au/longhair>  
"Longhair Australian News"

Longhair Australian News, is a technical publication on how we use Information Communication Technology to deliver a Buddha Dhamma mass education system to benefit many beings. Published up to three times annually.

7. <http://www.buyresolved.com.au>  
"Chan Academy information and Geology Museum program"

The site presents (1) the Chan Academy, which has become a Centre of Excellence of an International Standard for Chan; including Chan and Sumi-e exhibitions and provides current information about events at the Chan Academy; and (2) a public Geology Museum program based on sound Buddhist principles.

8. <http://www.buyresolved.com.au/museum>  
"Private Museum in Upwey"

The private Geological Museum at Upwey was founded on 21 January 2000. It is located at 33 Brooking Street, Upwey 3158 VIC Australia. Established by the late John D. Hughes it is a private museum and is a not for profit organisation funded by its owner Anita m Hughes. It is planned that in the future Museum specimens will be visible to the general public on the internet site.

9. <http://www.buyresolved.com.au/johndhughes>  
"John D. Hughes website"

The late John D. Hughes, Founder and resident practitioner and teacher of the

Buddhist Discussion Centre (Upwey) Ltd., Biography, Five Trusts, The Nobbies (Phillip Island Victoria), Winners Gain Ground.

10. <http://www.bdcu.org.au/scw>

"World Fellowship of Buddhists Standing Committee on Women (WFB SCOW)"

Newsletter, WFB Regional Centres represented on the Standing Committee on Women. Site includes Committee Members, History, Newsletters, World Fellowship of Buddhists Two Year Plans for 2001-2002 and 2003 – 2004.

11. <http://www.nla.gov.au>

"John D. Hughes Collection"

A multilingual Buddhist reference library, hotlinked through the Australian Libraries Gateway

12. <http://www.buddhaview.org>

"Buddha View Photo Gallery"

A pictorial history of the Buddhist Discussion Centre (Upwey) Ltd.

### **Meetings:**

General Meetings of the Buddhist Discussion Centre (Upwey) Ltd held on the last Friday of each month. Attended by Members.

Annual General Meeting of the Buddhist Discussion Centre (Upwey) Ltd. Held on the first Saturday of August annually. Attended by Members and friends of the Centre.

### **Internal Communication:**

Email communication to Members via our Local Area Network.

### **External Communication:**

Email to members, friends and organisations on a local, national and International basis.

**Postal Communication:** Mailing of our special publications and celebratory greetings such as at Versak and New Year.

**Radio Media:** Weekly broadcast of the Buddhist Hour live to air on local Radio station – Hillside FM 88.0 with a listening audience area of around 10 kilometers in the Eastern suburbs of Melbourne broadcasting from the suburb of Bayswater.

**Standing Committee on Education:** We held our first meeting of our Standing Committee on Education on 10 April 2004.

**John D. Hughes Collection** multilingual Buddhist reference library, catalogue and information. The collection holds over 10,000 books, journals and texts collected by its founder over three decades. Information about the collection is available through the National Libraries Gateway at website <http://www.nla.gov.au>.

**Digital Photography:** From time to time we provide digital photographs to other Temples from of events our Member attend and photograph. For example the National Buddhist Conference held at Victoria University in February 2004.

Publish digital photographs of projects and Buddha Dhamma events on our website. We presently have over 3000 photographs online.

**Other Temples:** We attend key events and ceremonies held by others Temples, for example our Members have represented our Temple at the:

Buddha's Day and Multicultural Festival organised by the Buddhas Light International Association (BLIA) of Victoria, Australia Inc., held at Federation Square in Melbourne April.

Versak Celebrations at the Sakyamuni Sambuddha Vihara Sri Lankan Temple in Berwick, Victoria.

Ullumbana Ceremony held at the Yun Yang Temple in Narree Warren, Melbourne.

***Question: Within the past two years have you published any books, pamphlets, reports or position papers? Please list them here:***

Our flagship publication is the Buddha Dhyana Dana Review (BDDR).  
ISSN 0818-8254. Registered by Australia Post. Print Post Publication  
No. PP 339637/00013. Print copy forwarded to National Library of  
Australia, multiple copies printed for Dhamma Dana.

We have published 3 Volumes and 11 Issues over the past two years. Published over the last twelve months are:

2005: BDDR Vol. 15 No. 1  
2004: BDDR Vol. 14 No. 5  
BDDR Vol. 14 No. 4  
BDDR Vol. 14 No. 3  
BDDR Vol. 14 No. 2  
BDDR Vol. 14 No. 1

Issues can be read and downloaded from [www.bddronline.net.au](http://www.bddronline.net.au) and also at [www.bdcu.org.au](http://www.bdcu.org.au).

(ii) Brooking Street Bugle, ISSN 1321-1463

Over the past two years we have published 38 issues of the Brooking Street Bugle, including 5 special editions, in print and online at [www.bsbonline.com.au](http://www.bsbonline.com.au) during the



past two years. BSB issues average between 30 and 50 A4 pages each. Many of the online versions include photographs. The publication dates for the past twelve months are:

Issue No. 123 – 2 May 2005  
 Issue No. 122 – 26 March 2005  
 Issue No. 121 - 25 February 2005  
 Issue No. 120 - 11 February 2005  
 Issue No. 119 - 30 January 2005  
 Issue No. 118 - 14 December 2004  
 Issue No. 117 - 23 November 2004  
 Issue No. 116 - 5 November 2004  
 Issue No. 115 - 13 October 2004  
 Issue No. 114 - 8 September 2004  
 Issue No. 113 - 25 August 2004  
 Issue No. 112 - 26 July 2004  
 Issue No. 111 - 9 July 2004  
 Issue No. 110 - 22 June 2004  
 Issue No. 109 - 8 June 2004  
 Issue No. 108 - 29 April 2004  
 Issue No. 107 - 20 April 2004  
 Issue No. 106 - 13 April 2004

(iii) Longhair Australian News, ISSN - 1446-5124 (print)

Volume 3 No. 1 will be published during the second half of 2005.

A copy of each issue is held in National Library of Australia

(v) Buddhist Hour. We have written, edited and broadcast 104 weekly radio scripts over the past two years – the titles of scripts produced over the last year are:

4 April 2004:	Dealing with Destructive Emotions.
11 April 2004:	Develop your scholarship.
18 April 2004:	The Four Nutriments and life improving qualities of practising the Five Reflections on Food.
25 April 2004:	Prolonging the Buddha Sasane - How we support Buddhist Organisations locally, nationally and Internationally.
2 May 2004:	Friendliness - The First of Our 5 Styles.
9 May 2004:	Dedicating the merits of this 2548th Versak Day Celebration to all Mothers.

- 16 May 2004: Reading The Diamond-Cutter Sutra (1)
- 23 May 2004: Reading The Diamond-Cutter Sutra (2)
- 30 May 2004: Reading The Diamond-Cutter Sutra (3)
- 6 June 2004: About the Diamond-Cutter Sutra
- 13 June 2004: About the Diamond-Cutter Sutra
- 20 June 2004: About the Diamond-Cutter Sutra
- 27 June 2004: The John D. Hughes Collection: Illuminating the path, guiding the future practitioner
- 4 July 2004: A request to be taught Buddha Dhamma
- 11 July 2004: Preserving the art of Buddhist thangka painting
- 18 July 2004: Chopping wood, carrying water. Preserving our Chan Heritage.
- 25 July 2004: Making the merit and fueling our learning.
- 1 August 2004: Learning to learn Buddha Dhamma for lifetimes.
- 8 August 2004: Well played Sir, Well played - Continuing the work of our Founder.
- 15 August 2004: Emulating your Teacher.
- 22 August 2004: Mindfulness - a tool more precious than jewels.
- 29 August 2004: The Four Stations of Mindfulness.
- 5 September 2004: Celebrating the Non-ending Journey of our Founder John D. Hughes.
- 12 September 2004: Celebrating Fellowship - Founders Day 2004 (Part 1).
- 19 September 2004: Celebrating Fellowship - Founders Day 2004 (Part 2).
- 26 September 2004: Understanding the Real Purpose of Buddhist Meditation Practice.
- 3 October 2004: Check your heart - The importance of reflection.

- 10 October 2004: Developing a Heart of Patience and Clarity of Mission
- 17 October 2004: Cultivating Samma Ditthi about our Ancestors.  
How can we help them today?
- 24 October 2004: Blessings of the Robe and Katthina Ceremony.
- 31 October 2004: Preservation of the Dhamma - 'The gift of Dhamma excels all other gifts'.
- 7 November 2004: Lumbini: A Symbol of Unity in Diversity - The Foundation of World Peace.
- 14 November 2004: The Happiness of Meditation.
- 21 November 2004: After The Honeymoon and on and on.
- 28 November 2004: This script is titled: Living a Normal Life - Leading the Happy Life.
- 5 December 2004: This dead body of mine.
- 12 December 2004: Personal Self Habit, Phenomenal Self Habit.  
(Part 1).
- 19 December 2004: Personal Self Habit, Phenomenal Self Habit.  
(Part 2).
- 26 December 2004: Personal Self Habit, Phenomenal Self Habit.  
(Part 3).
- 2 January 2005: "Conventional Self", "Dependently Designated Self".
- 9 January 2005: A Dhamma Talk by Venerable Viriyananda, A Discourse on Nama Rupa by John D. Hughes.
- 16 January 2005: Dedication of merits to Tsunami victims of 26 December 2004.
- 23 January 2005: How Do You Get Happiness?
- 30 January 2005: Removing Relativistic Delusion - Knowing Selflessness Destroys Mis-knowledge.
- 6 February 2005: Knowing Selflessness Destroys Misknowledge.
- 13 February 2005: Knowing Selflessness Destroys Misknowledge and Persistence and Constraint.

- 20 February 2005: 'Persistence and Restraint', continued, and 'Meditation on Impermanence'.
- 27 February 2005: Traits and Abilities.
- 6 March 2005: Traits and Abilities, continued.
- 13 March 2005: The Blessings of Building a Meditation Hall and Library.
- 20 March 2005: Selflessness, Anatta.
- 27 March 2005: “The Way of the Brush” (Part 1).
- 3 April 2005: “The Way of the Brush” (Part 2).
- 10 April 2005: Correcting Misconceptions of the Buddhist Practice.
- 17 April 2005: Ajahn Thanasanti Dhamma Talk (Part 1).
- 24 April 2005: Ajahn Thanasanti Dhamma Talk ( Part 2).

- (vi) Public Relations Programs Analysis of the Buddhist Discussion Centre (Upwey) Ltd. 2003
- (vii) Annual Report of the World Buddhist University Associated Institution: The Buddhist Discussion Centre (Upwey) Ltd. 10 December 2545/ 2002 to 9 December 2546/ 2003.
- (viii) Australian Buddhist General Conference Report. The Conference 'Engaging Buddhism in Australia' was held from 20 to 22 February 2004, Victoria University, St Albans Campus. Convened by The Buddhist Federation of Australia, Victoria University and Buddhist Council of Victoria.
- (ix) Annual Reports of the Buddhist Discussion Centre (Upwey) Ltd. 2004
- (x) Preserving Our Heritage
- (xi) Vinaya study class – Summary
- (xii) Code of Conduct for Members.
- (xiii) Teachings by John D. Hughes at the Buddhist Discussion Centre (Upwey) Ltd. from 1984, 1988 and 1990. Converted from the original audio tape recordings to digital format and burnt to CDs, transcribed into text and loaded as text and MP3 audio files to our website at [www.edharma.org](http://www.edharma.org). The first files were load to the web in November 2004.

(xiv) Keynote Opportunity: The construction of the New Library and Meditation Hall. The document incorporates: 'The Spreading of Buddha Dhamma on this Continent of Australia, written by the late John D. Hughes.

(xv) Celebratory Message. "A Fair Go for All" for the Opening Ceremony of the Buddha's Day and Multicultural Festival Promoting Understanding, Harmony and Respect. 24th April 2005. Buddhist Discussion Centre (Upwey) Ltd.

Publication samples included with this report are:

1. Buddha Dhyana Dana Review. Vol. 15 No 1
2. Brooking Street Bugle (New Series) Issue No. 123, Published 2 May 2005
3. Australian Buddhist General Conference Report. February 2004.
4. **Buddha Dhamma Teachings Digitisation Project Report**
5. **John D. Hughes Collection Preservation Plan**
6. Celebratory Message. "A Fair Go for All"
7. Lumbini: "A Symbol of Unity in Diversity - The Foundation of World Peace"  
Paper submitted for the Second World Buddhist Summit, held 30 November - 2 December 2004 at Lumbini, Nepal, the sacred Birthplace of Lord Buddha - the Great Apostle of Peace.

## 8. Fund raising:

Where do you get your funding from? List sources and percentages if possible. (i.e. state government-25%; fees/charges- 20%)

Sources and percentages annually:

Member fees: 2.61 %  
 Dana: 47.66 %  
 Cash Generation (fund raising): 38.06 %  
 Other: 11.67 %

Members fundraising activities for our Centre:

Market Stalls  
 Raffles x four times per year  
 Flower Stalls x 4 times per year  
 Dana jars for coin collections: Members and friends  
 Members and friends - General Funds Donations for Chan Academy Australia  
 Film Nights

General Public for the Dhammarajika Orphanage, Bangladesh through:

1. Melbourne ISHKA retail stores (x 4 locations).
2. Weekly Camberwell Market (sales of donated second hand goods)
3. Dana box
4. Special Projects Appeals to Members and Friends
5. Painting Exhibitions and Auctions

## 6. Other

**General Conference:**

**Question:** *Does your Centre send delegates to the General Conference every two years?*

Yes.

**Question:** *If your answer is yes, what are the positive reasons for attending the GC?*

To develop networks within the World Buddhist community.

To help propagate Buddha Dhamma in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

To develop fellowship, goodwill and support within the World Buddhist community.

To introduce and share our strategies and methods of management in the running of our Centre.

To develop a World Buddhist Catalogue of written Buddha Dhamma.

To use e-learning for Buddha Dhamma and share this knowledge with others.

Have a means where our members can work within a peak.

International Buddha Dhamma community.

Learning from other Buddha Dhamma Centres and Practitioners application.

To help with duties of rapporteuring and conference administration.

To help other Centres with their Dhamma activities.

Meeting great Buddha Dhamma Teachers and practitioners from different countries and traditions as key role models.

Dana practice.

Working in harmony to globalise Buddha Dhamma.

**Q.** *If your answer is no, what prevents you from attending the GC?*

Not applicable

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## **II. Current Programs:**

Please provide us with highlights or examples of events and activities you are currently sponsoring in these programs or levels:

## 1. Religious:

- 1.1. Monday evening: Buddha Dhamma Teachings and meditation guided by Theravada Monks.
- 1.2 Tuesday evening: Abhidhamma Teaching - online course from Asian Classics Institute at [www.world-view.org](http://www.world-view.org) & the study of the *Essence of the Buddha Abhidhamma* written by Dr. Mehm Tin Mon.
- 1.3 Friday Evening: Buddha Dhamma Teachings and meditation guided by Anita Hughes using the audio recordings of teachings given by Master John D. Hughes.
- 1.4 Sunday: Buddhist Hour live one-hour radio broadcast
- 1.5 Our Members have assisted/and or represented our Centre at key Buddhist events such as the:
- 1.6 Australian Buddhist Convention 2004.
- 1.7 Visits to Melbourne by Buddhist Leaders and Teachers including:  
 His Holiness Sakya Trizin – 2003.  
 Sogyal Rinpoche - January 2004.  
 Zen Master Shen Yen - April 2004.
- 1.8 The Health Symposium: The Buddhist Perspective on Health & Happiness. Buddhist Foundation of (VIC) Australia.
- 1.9 The Second World Buddhist Summit 2004: Lumbini a Symbol of Unity, Lumbini, Nepal.
- 1.10 Versak Celebration 2004 at our Centre.
- 1.11 Parents' Day 2004: Our Members invited their parents to lunch \ at the Centre and made offerings to their parents, Chanted for the long life and good health of their parents.
- 1.12 Founder's Day - 9 September 2004. Offering of dana to Monks from Mahayana and Theravada traditions and Dhamma talks.
- 1.13 Long Life Dinner Celebration 24 December 2004.
- 1.14 New Year's Celebrations - Members held a Bell Puja at midnight on 31 December 2004 to welcome in the New Year.

## **2 Education:**

- 2.1 Our Standing Committee on Education will commence development of a World Catalogue of written Buddha Dhamma this year - 2005.
- 2.2 Providing English language teaching for Venerable Monks
- 2.3 Library resources - for research
- 2.4 Sumi-e painting classes
- 2.5 Chan painting classes
- 2.6 Associated Institution of the World Buddhist University - Research Project. 'Use of Information Technology by the World Buddhist University'. Masters Thesis by Ms Pennie White.
- 2.7 Proposed Visit to WBU Bangkok Thailand by Ms Pennie White in the September 2005 to present the completed Thesis of Research Project 'Use of Information Technology by the World Buddhist University'.
- 2.8 Participated in a library research workshop at the National Library, Canberra. June 2004 and will participate at the June 2005 workshop held at the State Library of Victoria.
- 2.9 Listed in Gales Directory of Special Libraries. Entry No. X9110230 - a reference of 34500 of libraries and Information Centres around the world.
- 2.10 Launch of our online Buddha Dhamma photo library [www.bdcu.org.au/buddhaview](http://www.bdcu.org.au/buddhaview) (PHOTOLAN) in April 2005.

## **3. Humanitarian Services:**

We continue to raise funds for the Dhammarajika Orphanage in Bangladesh - this fundraising project has been continuing for 24 years.

We have started planning to create the means to care for the Aged and Dying based on Buddha Dhamma principles. Project commencement committee has been formed called 'Bodhicare'.

## **4. Community Development:**

We work to increase the awareness of Buddha Dhamma in the local community through PR in local Media, and attendance at peak local events: for example the Community Leaders Evening at the Shire of Yarra Ranges.

We have produced over 370 weekly Buddhist Hour radio broadcasts for over 7 years



on local station Knox Hillside Radio 88.0 FM.

Our Centre is a Member of the Ethnic Communities' Council of Victoria.

Vietnamese and Chinese New Year visits to our Temple.

We provide talks to local Scouting and Venturer groups at our Centre.

We participate in the local Neighbourhood Watch program.

We participate in the yearly Fire Awareness programs.

## **5. Social and Cultural Development:**

The preservation of Master John D. Hughes' oral teachings by digitising the audio tapes which were the original medium.

Create and maintain the John D. Hughes Museum at our Centre to provide a record of our Founders Heritage by recording his life and vision and activities.

Continue the development of the John D. Hughes Private Geology Museum, including the cataloging of all specimens in the collection.

Completed the building of a life-size image of our Founder, Master John D. Hughes on 8 September 2004.

## **6. Economic Development:**

Completed the building of a new kitchen & dining hall.

Planning and planning permit application was commenced for a new Meditation Hall and Library in 2005.

Through our many projects Members and friends increase their skill development in building, broadcasting and radio presenting, gardening, occupational health and safety, fire risk management, website development and IT management, writing and publishing, photography, food hygiene and food preparation, marketing PR and selling skills, strategic planning, report writing, stock management, librarianship, museum management, and thus contribute to the economic wealth of our city, state and nation.

Our fees for broadcasting the weekly Buddhist Hour program support the local radio station - Hillside FM.

Our weekly stall at the Camberwell (second hand goods) Market.

Four flower stalls are our major fundraising events which involve purchase of wholesale flowers from local growers, and sales to hundreds of persons who stop to buy our flowers on: Mother's day, Christmas Day, Easter Sunday and St Valentine's

Day.

**7. Health Services:**

Occupational and Health and Safety program

**8. National Level Programs:**

Australasian Buddhist Convention and Conference - Victoria University.

Health Symposium.

Attend the annual National Taipei Celebration.

Attend the annual Buddha's Day & Cultural Festival Celebration in Federation Square Melbourne.

**9. International Level Programs:**

World Fellowship of Buddhists.

World Buddhist University.

Plan to join WFBY - we have ten Members under 40 years old and we wish to encourage our next generation to participate in WFB activities.

Websites - Standing Committee on Women, we set up the website in 2000, and have published all their newsletters and reports online and maintain regularly.

To set up in 2005 an online Buddha Dhamma exhibition on our e-Dhamma website for WFB Centres for World Fellowship of Buddhists Standing Committee on Publications, Publicity, Education, Arts and Culture.

**10. Others:**

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**III. Future Development:**

1. What are your greatest challenges?

To Publish a History of our Centre.

To publish a complete biography of our Founder, John D. Hughes 1930 - 2003.

To publish a History of Buddha Dhamma in Australia.

To preserve Buddha Dhamma materials and resources: books, audio tapes, video tapes, digital mini-disks, teaching, images, thangkas, relics, paintings, photographs, flags etc.

To maintain our Centre for the next 500 years to provide a place where persons can learn to practice and apply the teachings of the Buddha to come to full realisation.

To become more active and help the WFB.

To set up a Standing Committee on Women at our Centre.

To write executive summary's of each publication in our Library and publish these online.

To complete our online catalogue of the John D. Hughes Collection.

To become a WFBY Regional Centre.

Establishment of an internet radio - we have over 300 one hour Buddha Dhamma radio broadcast available to go online.

To develop a world catalogue of written Buddha Dhamma.

## **2. What assistance do you need to be more effective?**

More Members with time to take on our activities and projects.

International Members.

Funds.

## **3. What innovative programs would you plan if you had more resources?**

To complete setting up a Buddhist Nursing Home and palliative care centre for the care of ageing Monks and Nuns and lay persons.

Radio and television station to broadcast Buddha Dhamma teachings.

Accommodation and Conference Centre for visiting Venerable Monks, Nuns and visiting Teachers - to provide teachings.

Retreat Centre at Philip Island, Victoria.

Children's Buddha Dhamma program.

## **4. Is there anything else you want to tell the World Fellowship of Buddhists?**

Thank you for your help! Please return this questionnaire by email (Attachment) or by surface mail to:

Hon Secretary-General  
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